

Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages – February 14, 2022 12:59PM

Windsor

- Following yesterday's Ontario Superior Court ruling to remove protesters blocking traffic to the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, I am pleased to report that as of midnight, normal operations have now resumed.
- In total, 42 arrests were made, and 37 vehicles were towed. Currently, a small number of protesters remain at the scene.
- To maintain order in the area, law enforcement presence and patrols will remain high for the foreseeable future. Local road restrictions and barricades will also remain in place until further notice.
- This morning, I was advised that the Commissioner of the OPP has agreed to swear in RCMP members so that they can respond with enforcement capabilities throughout Ontario. The Solicitor General will streamline those steps.

Ottawa

- In Ottawa, OPS estimates that there are 505 trucks in the downtown core, with minimal demonstrators reported on Parliament Hill and Wellington Street as of 11AM this morning.
- However, the situation remains fluid as trucks relocate from residential neighbourhoods to Wellington Street following reports of a negotiation between Mayor Jim Watson and a key organizer for the Freedom Convoy.

- Over the weekend, there were several confrontational standoffs between convoy participants and anti-convoy protestors.
- As the residents of Ottawa continue to mobilize to take back their city, counter-convoy protests are expected to continue. A counter-convoy demonstration is scheduled to take place this evening in front of East Block, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Participation is expected to be approximately 20 individuals.
- Maintaining order between both pro- and counter-convoy protestors is of utmost importance.
- Ottawa Police continues to receive support from the OPP, RCMP, and other municipal police services. As noted yesterday, the numbers of deployed members fluctuate daily and per shift, but I can tell you that the RCMP continues to offer between 210-250 uniformed members for the frontline as per OPS requirements each day. As of 6:30AM we have been informed that the OPP has deployed 79 for frontline support, 41 for Public Order, and 10 for PLT. I do not have the figures for the other POJ.
- The RCMP also continues to have approximately 345 members deployed daily in support of our protective mandate.
- Regarding the Intelligence landscape, I am aware of reports that a retired member appeared in their dress uniform to support the protestors in Ottawa over the weekend. I am deeply concerned of this behaviour from a former member, and am committed to investigating this matter further.
- Intelligence information also suggests that convoy protestors are beginning to weaponize themselves. Officers are constantly monitoring the shift in behaviour, and will respond accordingly.